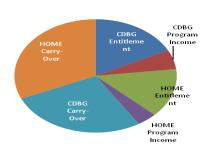


# City of Wilmington Community Development

Fiscal Year 2011-2012

# Annual Action Plan

## Allocation of Funds



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CDBG Entitlement	\$	801,903
CDBG Program Income	\$	249,200
HOME Entitlement	\$	635,411
HOME Program Income	\$	182,500
CDBG Carry-Over	\$1	,247,292
HOME Carry-Over	\$1.	438,272
TOTAL	\$4,	,554,578



## **Expenditures:**

CDBG Housing	\$1	,171,488
HOME Housing	\$1	,980,889
HOME CHDO Set-Aside	\$	215,294
CDBG Public Services	\$	244,652
CDBG Public Facilities	\$	647,923
CDBG Administration	\$	234,332
<b>HOME Administration</b>	\$	60,000
TOTAL	\$4	,554,578



CDBG-R	\$ 236,761
Housing Repair Loans	\$ 108,008
HOP Loan- Gen Fund	\$ 155,936
Special Purpose/UDAG	\$ 230,140
Economic Dev. Loans	\$ 249,813
CHDO Proceeds	\$ 335,766



### City of Wilmington Statistics Selected Information

Population ( NC Data Center 2009 estimate)	102,207
Median Income (HUD 2011 Area Median Income)	\$60,000
Percent Below Poverty Level Percent Below Poverty Level under 18 years old (US Census Bureau, 2007-2009 ACS)	22% 30%
Percent with Bachelor's  Degree, or Higher (US Census Bureau, 2007-2009 ACS)	36%
Fair Market Rent (3 bedroom) (HUD 2011FMR Wilmington Metro Area)	\$1,124
Median House Value (US Census Bureau, 2007-2009 ACS)	\$195,300

# **Fair Housing Overview**

Fair Housing laws make it illegal to discriminate in housing based on a person's race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or familial status.

For persons with disabilities, the laws go one step farther and include provisions allowing for reasonable accommodations and modifications

so that persons with disabilities can live in and enjoy housing and common areas.



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Old City garage, future NorthSide Arts Education and Community Center

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## **CDBG**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1180 general units of local government and States

The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.



2010-2011 Kids Making It

## Community Development Division

The Community Development Division is part of the City's Community Services Department. The Division provides community development planning, housing services, and code enforcement to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Wilmington. A primary responsibility of the Community Development Division is the administration of funding received from the US Department of Housing and Urban



305 Chestnut Street

Development (HUD), and compliance oversight of HUD regulations. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is used by the City to assist with community revitalization and economic development activities. The range of creative approaches to community development employed by the City is broad. From revitalizing declining neighborhoods, preserving the existing housing stock, assisting eligible citizens

become homeowners, and supporting non-profit organizations, the Community Development Division seeks to ensure a better quality of life for all its citizens. The City also receives funding for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) which is used to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing.

## Annual Action Plan

Every year City Council adopts an Annual Action Plan to allocate CDBG and HOME funds to the projects and programs that meet the objectives of the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan establishes a unified, coordinated vision for City's community development activities over a five year period.

The Annual Action Plan addresses the following priorities **HOME** set forth in the Consolidated Plan:

- ◆ Provide affordable rental housing for those living in HOME is the largest Federal
- Increase the stock of affordable housing by investing in exclusively to create affordable new construction and rehabilitation
- Provide supportive permanent housing for extremely low and low income people, including those with special needs
- Foster affordable workforce housing
- Support affordable homeownership
- Preserve long-term affordability of housing stock
- Provide for outreach, assessment and appropriate sup-direct loans, loan guarantees or portive services to homeless
- Provide emergency shelter
- Provide transitional housing for homeless
- Focus on revitalizing neighborhoods and providing services to residents

block grant to State and local governments designed housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately \$2 billion among the States and hundreds of localities nationwide.

The program's flexibility allows States and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, other forms of credit enhancement, or rental assistance or security deposits.

# Summary of Uses of Funds

<b>Minor Housing Repair:</b> Provides loans up to \$25,000 for minor repairs at zero to 2% interest to eligible homeowners.	\$250,000
<b>Home Ownership Program (HOP):</b> Provides zero interest, second mortgages for eligible households. Program includes homeownership education and counseling for homebuyers.	\$687,904 (includes revolving loan fund & carryover)
<b>Housing Rehabilitation Loans:</b> Low interest loans to lower– income homeowners in need of extensive housing rehabilitation.	\$503,572 (includes revolving loan fund & carryover)
<b>Housing Assistance Grants:</b> Grants available to assist with voluntary relocation and voluntary demolition.	\$ 65,415 (carry-over)
<b>AMEZ Housing Community Development Corporation:</b> Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) proceeds used for development of up to three units of affordable rental housing.	\$150,000
<b>Cape Fear Regional Community Development Corporation:</b> CHDO setaside used to acquire five vacant foreclosed upon properties for redevelopment and resale as affordable housing. Funds will be used in conjunction with \$500,000 Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.	\$293,150
<b>Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity:</b> Funding to acquire lots for in-fill or houses for rehabilitation of up to six units of affordable housing for very-low and low–income households using the Habitat model for volunteer and sweat-equity construction to produce affordable housing.	\$ 203,880
<b>Lake Ridge Commons:</b> Provides funds to support the construction of 75 rental housing units for lower-income elderly.	\$650,000 (carry-over)
<b>Greenville Trace:</b> Provides second year funds to support the construction of 8 rental housing units for developmentally disabled individuals.	\$175,000 (carry-over)
<b>Cape Fear Housing Land Trust:</b> Support the administration of the newly formed land trust and the rehabilitation/reconstruction of two houses.	<b>\$35,000</b> (includes \$3,000 Gen Fund)
<b>M. E. Roberts II Transitional Living Facility:</b> Provides funding to support the development of a transitional living center for ex-offenders.	\$478,278 (carry-over)
Good Shepherd Ministries/Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network: Funding for supportive services to approximately 1,500 homeless individuals and families, including shelter, food and consultative case management towards self-sufficiency.	\$109,000

# Summary of Uses of Funds

**Leading Into New Communities:** Funding to support LINCs work with exoffenders. Assist 120 ex-offenders to find employment.

**\$38,000** (includes \$14,000 Gen Fund)

**NorthSide Site Improvement:** Funding to address existing blight and dilapidated buildings, fencing and overgrown landscaping at NorthSide Site. Plan for grounds and site improvements to enhance non-profit initiatives located on-site.

\$265,071 (includes carry-over)

\$ 9,000

\$ 9,500

\$ 50,000

**NorthSide Arts Education and Community Center:** Continues funding to support DREAMS of Wilmington, Inc. rehabilitation of old City garage for use as an arts education and community center. Total funds allocated \$515,557.

**AMEZ Housing CDC:** Housing and credit counseling services

The Carousel Center: Services for victims of child abuse

Side area

\$55,000

<b>General Fund:</b> In addition to CDBG and HOME, the City Council appropriates General Funds the following agencies/projects:	s to	support
Child Advocacy & Parenting Place Exchange Club Center/Community Boys & Girls Club: Youth & Parenting programs	\$	30,850
Brigade Boys & Girls Club and Community Boys & Girls Club: Afterschool and summer youth programs	\$	23,750
Kids Making It, Inc.: Woodworking entrepreneurial program for juvenile delinquent and at-risk youth	\$	14,250
Cape Fear Literacy Council: Adult literacy	\$	9,500
<b>Phoenix Employment Services of Wilmington, Inc.:</b> Employment counseling, training and placement for homeless individuals	\$	9,000
DREAMS of Wilmington, Inc.: Youth arts education programs	\$	16,625
Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.: Youth shelter and Rape Crisis Hotline	\$	37,050
American Red Cross-Cape Fear Chapter: Emergency assistance for victims of disasters & fires	\$	9,500
Communities In Schools of Cape Fear, Inc.: Afterschool youth and drop-out prevention program	\$	9,000
Elderhaus, Inc.: Transportation services for elderly day care program	\$	19,000
Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC: Food for local food pantries	\$	14,250
Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place, Inc. (WRAAP): Afterschool programs for youth	\$	9,000

Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc.: Funding to support provision

of shelter and services to approximately 100 victims of domestic violence.

10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness: Collaborative initiatives to address chronic homeless-

Blue Ribbon Commission to End Youth Violence: Establish a Youth Empowerment Zone in North-